

## ***Structuring the Race to Implement Trash TMDLs: Sprint, Relay or Marathon***



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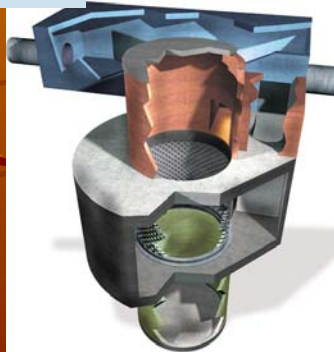
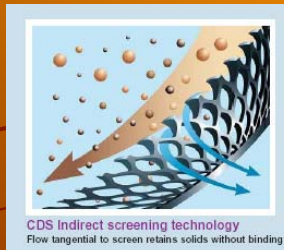
## **Brief Status of the Trash TMDLs**

- ✦ East Fork San Gabriel River
  - May 25, 2000
  - 16 pages
  - US Forest Service
  - zero standard (No MS4 Permit-3<sup>rd</sup> Party suits)
  - Implementation
    - ✦ More trash and hot coal receptacles (4 campgrounds)
    - ✦ 4 educators & 1 collection crew weekends/holidays
    - ✦ Bilingual anti-littering signage
    - ✦ Enforce existing anti-littering laws

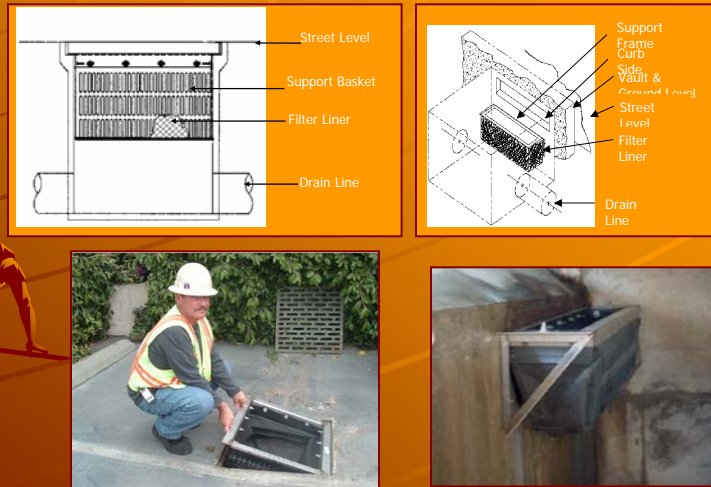
## Brief Status of the Trash TMDLs

- ✦ Ballona Creek (and Los Angeles River)
  - September 19, 2001
  - 41 pages + 9 page CEQA checklist
  - 7 MS4s & Caltrans (83% City of LA)
  - Zero standard (MS4 Permit RWL clause)
  - Implementation
    - ✦ 3 year study, then 10% per year to zero
    - ✦ Institutional controls (sweeping, enforcement)
    - ✦ "Full Capture" BMPs inserts, vortex, nets
  - January 16, 2004 Settlement Agreement
    - ✦ "Full Capture" design criteria became 0.6"/hr rain

## Vortex or Hydrodynamic Separator



## Inserts or Basket Screens



## Brief Status of the Trash TMDLs

- ✦ 2001 Los Angeles River
  - September 19, 2001 (like Ballona Creek)
  - Litigation steps to 12/05 invalidation
    - ✦ CEQA, while some other issues are “unripe”
  - Settlement agencies (LA City/County) are continuing there good faith efforts
- ✦ 2006 Los Angeles River
  - September 8, 2006 Superior Court
  - “new TMDL ... extremely similar to the prior TMDL that was invalidated”.

## August 25, 2006 Trash Colloquium

- ✦ Significant differences of opinion about the legal status of Trash TMDL
- ✦ More "Full Capture" Certified Devices than permittees were aware of
  - CalTrans Gross Solids Removal Device
  - 4-City catch basin screen and excluders
  - City of Signal Hill Trash Nets
- ✦ Money for BMP implementation
  - Very little and revocable for dissenters
  - EPA Provided some for MS4 Consortium

## Full Capture BMP Options?



